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1. Cong. Hillings (R., Cal.) made available to me certain material on Latin America which he has received and which he felt might be of interest to the Agency.

2. I attended the swearing in party given by Cong. Victor Anfuso (D., N.Y.), who was a member of the 82nd Congress, and who had worked for OSS. Cong. Anfuso wishes to discuss with me at a future date certain ideas which he has in the intelligence field.

3. Talked with Cong. Gamble (R., N.Y.) who expressed gratification that Sen. McCarthy was off of the CIA neck and his disapproval of the Senator's attacks on CIA.

4. The staff of Cong. Dixon (R., Utah), successor to Cong. Stringfellow, stated that the Congressman wished to meet me, and I had a short chat with Dr. Dixon.

5. Mr. Robert Brown, of the staff of the House Committee on Government Operations, approached me to express his distress regarding the fact that the Subcommittee on International Operations was planning to release hearings and a report which contained considerable information obtained from confidential briefings given the Subcommittee in the course of off-the-record briefings by U. S. officials. He felt that these would be highly detrimental, [redacted] and urged that steps be taken to have the offending material deleted from the record. I have passed this along to Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Ben Brown, who felt that the Department had already reviewed the texts and deleted much material, but in any event would recheck.

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6. Mr. Higgins, of the office of Sen. Green, called to state that [redacted] was very much on the neck of the Senator's office and was planning to see them on 6 January. He asked for any information or background that we could give him on the case. I told Mr. Higgins that our General Counsel, Mr. Houston, was thoroughly familiar with the case and would be in touch with him. (Mr. Houston subsequently briefed Mr. Higgins on the situation.)

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